III.   REMARKS

1.   The specification is amended to remove any reference to particular claim numbers.

2.   Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17-20 are not unpatentable over Lager in view of Boaz under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).   Claim 1 recites a system for controlling at least two remote mailboxes, located in at least two e-mail servers. The system includes at least a first PDP connection of a packet data system between a wireless terminal and an e-mail server maintaining a first remote mailbox, and a second PDP connection of the packet data system between the wireless terminal and another e-mail server maintaining a second remote mailbox. The wireless terminal comprises a control unit for controlling the remote mailboxes simultaneously with the first and second PDP connections. The first and second PDP connections are simultaneously maintained.   This is neither disclosed nor suggested by the combination of Lager and Boaz. Lager discloses a switching device in a mobile communication system, which supports a GPRS-network and allows connecting a terminal station of the mobile communication network with one of a plurality of packet data communication networks. The user of a subscriber station can select a predetermined network of several packet data networks connected to a gateway GPRS support node. The packet data networks can be any kind of packet data networks or Internet Service Providers. This is not the same as a first PDP connection of a packet data system between a wireless terminal and an e-mail server maintaining a first remote mailbox, and a second PDP connection of the packet data system between the wireless terminal and another e-mail server maintaining a second remote mailbox where the wireless terminal comprises a control unit for controlling the remote mailboxes simultaneously with the first and second PDP connections.

The Examiner states that Lager discloses a first connection and an e-mail server maintaining a first remote mailbox, e.g. an AOL mailbox, and a second connection and an e-mail server maintaining a second remote mailbox, e.g. a CompuServe mailbox.

However, it is respectfully submitted that Lager only discloses that the subscriber station can select a network from a plurality of "networks" to which a PDP connection will be activated. For example, in the Abstract of Lager it is stated that a "terminal station" can communicate with one of a plurality of packet data communication networks. It is also stated that the switching device defines which PDP type parameter identifies which ~~internet~~Internet service provider ISP. (Col. 19, lines 21-24). Lager states that the PDP-type parameter can also be modified so that the terminal station GPRS can request access to two or more packet data communication networks. (Col. 19, lines 45-49). However, a careful examination of Lager shows that there is nothing in Lager that would indicate that the SGSN, GGSN, or any other network element mentioned in Lager, is an "e-mail" server maintaining a remote mailbox. Applicant explicitly recites controlling at least two remote mailboxes, located in at least two e-mail servers. Lager merely refers to AOL and CompuServe as "internet service providers". There is no disclosure or suggestion in Lager related to remote mailboxes and e-mail servers, as is claimed by Applicant, that would indicate that these internet service providers are also service providers of "email" mailboxes. The Examiner's reference to "AOL Mailbox" and "Compuserve mailbox" is language that is not found anywhere in Lager. Col. 19, lines 45-58 merely states that the terminal station GPRS-MS can simultaneously communicate with two terminal stations. This is not the same as what is claimed by Applicant.

Combining Lager with Boaz does not overcome the note deficiencies, and the combination does not disclose or suggest each feature claimed by Applicant. Boaz relates to an Integrated Messaging System (IMS) which integrates mails from a plurality of mail servers handling messages of different media types such as text, voice, facsimile, video and image. The IMS maintains the in-basket for all mail systems, eliminating the need to collect each type of mail separately. The in-basket for all mail systems of Boaz teaches away from what is claimed by Applicant, because as recited in claim 1 the first and second mailboxes are "simultaneously" controlled using the "first

and second" PDP connections. In contrast, in Boaz, a "common" in-basket is provided for each mail server and a "common" network is used to make connections between different entities of the system (see e.g. Fig. 1, Token Ring 60). Thus, Boaz does not disclose or suggest first and second mailboxes that are "simultaneously" controlled using first and second PDP connections as is recited by Applicant in the claims.

Thus, the combination of Lager and Boaz does not disclose or suggest each element recited in the claims. Therefore, claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23 are not obvious over the combination of Lager and Boaz. Claims 3-6, 10-13, and 17-20 should be allowable at least by reason of their respective dependencies.

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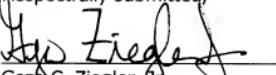
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